

# INTER-AMERICAN APPEAL GOES TO MEXICO TODAY

## ARMY LINES HELD TIGHT AGAINST THE MEXICAN RAIDERS

Fewer Depredations by Outlaw Bands Are Reported. Another Bandit Slain in Sharp Brush Near Mercedes. IRON HAND ON TERRORISTS Texas Officials, at Rockport, Plan Effective Measures. Reports Show Marauders Work Under "San Diego Plan."

Washington, Aug. 13.—President Wilson personally took up the situation on the Mexican border today with Acting Secretary Breckinridge of the war department, and the two were held ready for any emergency. Governor Ferguson's telegram asking for more troops is being held at the war department, awaiting further word from Major General Funston.

Brownsville, Tex., Aug. 13.—Although few depredations on the part of the bands of Mexican raiders were reported here in the last twenty-four hours, authorities in the lower Rio Grande valley continued today to take measures to suppress the lawlessness that almost had brought about a reign of terror in this section.

Development in this matter were expected to follow the conference which was to be held at Rockport, Tex., today, where Governor Ferguson is spending his vacation. Besides the governor, Adjutant General Henry Hutchins, John N. Garner, congressman from Texas, and other prominent citizens of the state were to discuss the border situation. Further proof that the outbreaks are due to a conspiracy of Mexicans from both sides of the Rio Grande was to be laid before Governor Ferguson.

That the raiders are acting under the "plan of San Diego" was indicated in the reports of United States officials reaching the headquarters of the southern department at San Antonio. This report quoted from literature said to have been distributed in large quantities in the border counties of Texas.

The killing of a Mexican supposed to have been a member of one of the bands of marauders at Mercedes, Tex., last night, was the latest death to be reported.

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# HEART OF WILSON

Touched by Letter From Mother of Haiti Hero. Hopes Appeal for Aid Will Not Go Unsatisfied.

Washington, Aug. 13.—President Wilson has written to Mrs. Sophia Gompers of Brooklyn, N. Y., mother of William Gompers, a sailor, killed by a Haitian sniper during the American occupation of Port au Prince, Haiti. The president's letter was in reply to one from Mrs. Gompers, in which she said she was proud that her son had died in the service of his country but that as he had been her sole support she hoped the government could help her in some way.

The president's letter given out today at the White House follows:

"My Dear Madame: I have read your letter of August 3 with the deepest sympathy. I feel like congratulating you on having had a son whose dignity it was to die in the service of his country, but my heart goes out to you none the less in profound sympathy.

"I am sure that it would be the desire of every one connected with the public service to see that you did not suffer need because of your son's death. I am sending your letter to the secretary of the navy to inquire whether there is any possibility under the law, as it stands, of assisting you. I fear that there is not, but I am sure the secretary of the navy will wish to consider the matter very fully.

"Cordially and sincerely yours,"

"WOODROW WILSON."

Weather Forecast for Kansas. Unsettled with showers in east and central portions tonight and probably in east portion Saturday; not much change in temperature.

# GENERAL SCOTT HELD ON BORDER FOR EMERGENCY

Washington, Aug. 13.—Major General Scott, chief of staff of the army, has been ordered to remain at El Paso to be ready for any mission the state department may have on the border. General Scott is reporting directly to Secretary Lansing.

While General Scott is acting as an agent of the state department in connection with negotiations between the Mexican factions, he is also watching the border situation and is in communication with Major General Funston.

War department officials say they have no knowledge of the work of the chief of staff.

No more troops were ordered today to the border.

# RUSSIANS BLOCK GERMANIC DRIVE FOR PETROGRAD

Baltic Flank of Kaiser's Armies Held in Check. Announcement in this effect was made today at army headquarters. Reinforced Slavs in Desperate Counter-Charges. FORTRESS OF KOVNO HOLDING Teutonic Drives Toward Riga Have Been Repulsed. Dvinsk, Key to Russ Capital, Still in Czar's Hands.

Berlin, Aug. 13.—(via London).—The Polish city of Siedlce, 55 miles southeast of Warsaw, has been captured by the Germans. Announcement in this effect was made today at army headquarters.

The city of Siedlce lay directly in the path of the Teutonic forces which pressed eastward from Warsaw after the capture of the place. It is in this section that the Austro-German forces are advancing most rapidly. Siedlce is the capital of the province of that name and has some 25,000 inhabitants.

London, Aug. 13.—The Russians for the time being are holding in check the Baltic flank of the German armies which are struggling to cut the Warsaw-Petrograd railroad and are battling toward the Dvina, beyond which lie the roads to the Russian capital. This has been accomplished with the aid of reinforcements and by virtue of one counter-attack after another.

Kovno Holding Out. The fortress of Kovno still holds out. German attacks toward Riga have been repulsed and the railway junction at Dvinsk remains in Russian hands.

From Ostrolenka, north of Warsaw, to Chelm, in the south, the Teutons claim to have made further progress, but between the Vistula and the Bug they apparently have been thrown back with heavy losses.

Is Von Hindenburg Waiting? It may be that Field Marshal von Hindenburg has not exerted his full power in the north, but is awaiting events in the south before hammering the Teutons back to the banks of which his cavalry have been for some time.

The fact that the Germans are able to advance with comparative rapidity due east from Warsaw, while being (Continued on Page 2.)

# NO "GOLD BRICK" STIFF IN KANSAS

Toll of Get-Rich-Quick Firms Is Greatly Reduced. Annual Loss Drops From \$4,000,000 to \$100,000. ALL THRU UNCLE SAM NOW Mail Order Business Cannot Be Regulated. Convention to Fight Fake Promotion Plans.

Kansas' annual toll to get-rich-quick concerns has been reduced from \$4,000,000 to less than \$100,000, according to a statement today by S. T. Seaton, in charge of the blue sky department in the state bank commissioner's office. Virtually the only fraud now practiced on investing Kansans, Seaton states, is through mail order concerns which cannot be reached by the state law.

In the old and palmy days of gold brick speculation, Kansas was the haven of rest for every salesman of worthless stocks and bonds in the country. There are few prosperous, well established farmers and business men in Kansas who have not somewhere stored a box of stock in a wild cat concern, as a testimonial of their teeth cutting days in the business world. Hundreds of Kansas widows have invested their small inheritance in projects which have turned a dollar to the investor. These little blocks of stock in the widow's strong boxes represent millions of tears and sorrows of want and privation, in many cases.

Free From Trouble Now. Now Kansas is virtually clear and free from the worthless stock selling projects, according to Seaton. Yet in the four years the blue sky law has been on the statute books, there has been but one criminal prosecution under the law. That was in Atchison county two years ago when one of the agents for the famous Mound Day project was prosecuted for failing to show proper respect for the state law. The Mound Days and other stock selling promoters were prosecuted through the federal courts.

Conservative estimates made before the enactment of the blue sky law were to the effect that the state was annually victimized in an amount equal to about four million dollars. Now, Seaton believes, the individual losses in the entire state "aroush fraudulent investments is less than \$100,000 a year."

Few Complaints. "Except in a few instances where sales are made through mail order publications, which we cannot reach, we rarely receive a complaint," said Seaton. "When a new company enters the state, we naturally receive a number of letters asking whether the concern carries a permit from the blue sky department. This condition has fortified the larger, more reputable stock selling concerns and has made their work in this state. But the company without a permit has rough sledding.

It was possible to get a detailed account of all worthless stock investments during the last year, I really believe the amount would be less than \$100,000, and the state is now convinced that the state's annual losses to get-rich-quick concerns before the passage of the blue sky act was nearly four million dollars."

At National Convention. The question of fighting fake promotion companies through federal enactment, will be considered at the national blue sky meeting in Topeka this fall. It is probable that as a result of the Topeka conference of blue sky officers, several federal laws will be proposed.

"With a rigid federal statute and the present blue sky law in the state, I believe we could shortly wipe out every dollar of loss by Kansas investors," said Seaton.

# FOR EARLY ACTION

Judge Flannelly in Consultation With Justice Porter. Urges Prompt Action by Supreme Court in Gas Case.

Judge Thomas J. Flannelly of Independence, was in conference today with Associate Justice Silas Porter of the supreme court and H. O. Castor, attorney for the public utilities commission, regarding the enforcement of the gas cases for immediate decision, in event an appeal is taken, by the utilities commission, from the decision of the Missouri supreme court. It was virtually agreed at the conference, that the cases would be given the right of way and rushed to early decision.

This week Judge Flannelly ruled against the application of the utilities commission to set aside the recent order restraining the enforcement of the commission three cent increase in the gas rates. Late this afternoon attorneys for the commission announced they had no objection to their next step in the case, but would confer late today or Saturday. It is regarded as probable that the cases will be taken to the supreme court for final decision.

It was to secure an early decision in the case that Judge Flannelly came to Topeka today and was in conference with Justice Porter and attorneys for the utilities commission. Unless the cases are disposed of immediately, the judge urged, there is not opportunity for an increased gas supply for next winter. In addition to this situation, creditors of the gas company have served notice that they will not permit the expenditure of more funds for extensions under the commission's order.

John Kinkle, member of the commission, stated today that he is not the purpose of the Kansas commission to apply to the Missouri commission for an increase in gas rates. Such action is up to the gas company. In any case, the gas rates will remain under the commission's order, as at present. It is the province of the Missouri commission to urge upon the Missouri commission the necessity of higher gas rates," said Kinkle. "If such relief is desired by the gas company, they must take action, not the Kansas commission."

# PENNSYLVANIA OIL UP

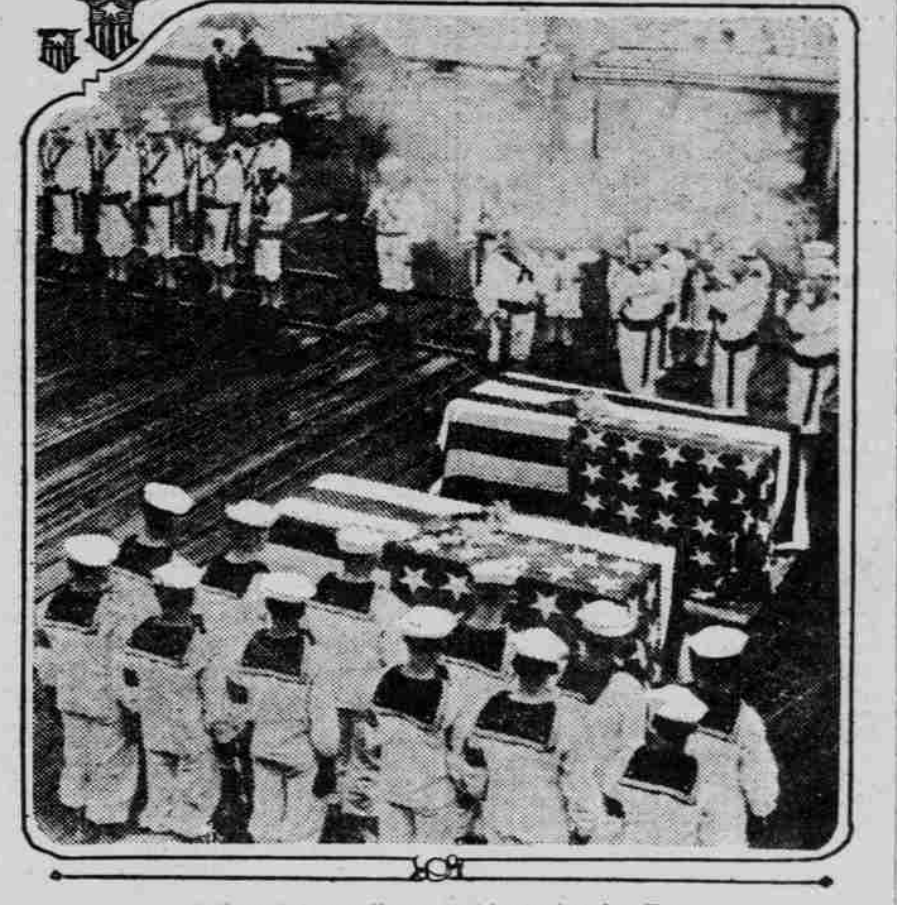
South Penn Company Emulates Mid-Continent Producers. Pittsburgh, Pa., Aug. 13.—The price of oil advanced in the price of the principal grades of crude oil was announced today by the South Penn Oil company.

This is the first change in price since April 3, when there was a reduction of five cents.

Pennsylvania crude is \$1.45, Mercer black, Newcastle and Cabell, \$1.07; Ragland, 92 cents; Somerset, 90, and Ragland 63 cents.

Increased demand and the raising of prices by mid-continent producers is assigned as the cause of today's change.

# NAVAL HONORS ACCORDED BLUEJACKETS WHO GAVE LIVES FOR PEACE IN HAITI



Sailors firing volley over bluejackets' coffins.

# RAIL SHARES FALL UNDER SEA; IN AIR

Extreme Weakness Follows Decision Against Coal Roads. Erie and Reading Hit; All Lines Adversely Affected. U. S. Plans Many Planes and Ocean Plungers. Big Expenditures Planned for Latest War Engines.

# DEATH FROM SKY

Zeppelins Again Raid East Coast of England. Six Dead, 23 Injured, 14 Houses Are Damaged.

London, Aug. 13.—Official announcement was made today of an airship raid last night on the east coast of England.

Six persons were killed, one Zeppelin was damaged, but escaped. The official announcement says that six persons were killed, twenty-three were injured and fourteen houses were damaged seriously by bombs.

This is the second air raid on the English east coast this week. Late Monday night and early Tuesday, a German air squadron raided the British east coast, killing 14 persons and wounding the same number, one of the Zeppelins in the attacking party being brought down and destroyed near Ostend, according to the admiralty's report. Today's raid is the seventeenth air invasion of Great Britain since the war began.

The air raid evidently appeared off the east coast at about dusk. The official statement from the admiralty timed the raid as "yesterday evening and last night."

# UNLUCKY COMBINATION

Thirteenth Falls on Friday for First Time This Year. If you are superstitious, the worst is not yet to come. It's here. Today is Friday, the thirteenth, which is considered a most unlucky combination. Indeed there are persons who believe the big war started in 1914 simply because there were three such combinations during the year. This is an excessive number of unlucky Fridays.

But 1915 has only one such unlucky day left and today, 1915 will be just as good. In 1914 the thirteenth of the month fell on Friday in February, March and November. The thirteenth until October, 1916.

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# ITALIAN MOUNTS SPOUT

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The flames from the reawakened crater of Vesuvius were visible for many miles along the west coast of Italy last night. Naples dispatches, however, were reassuring, declaring that little damage had been done thus far.

Lava is still pouring from Mt. Etna. Refugees from the Etna region have flocked to Catania by hundreds.

Rain and Wind at Wichita. Wichita, Kan., Aug. 13.—An inch and a half of rain fell here this morning, accompanied by high wind and much lightning.

# ALLIES REPORTED TO HAVE CUT OUT BIG GRAIN ORDERS

Some Seaboard Exporters Close Out Open Contracts. Wheat Prices Plunge on Unconfirmed Report. WHAT'S HAPPENED IN EUROPE? Prospective Opening of Dardanelles Is Suggested. Source of New Supply or Inability to Pay, Says Patten.

# WHEAT TAKES A TUMBLE ON CANCELLATION RUMORS

Chicago, Aug. 13.—Unconfirmed reports, which J. Pierpont Morgan was quoted as denying, that the allies were cancelling orders for September shipments of European wheat, were reflected on the board of trade at the opening today in prices 1 1/2 to 3 1/2 under yesterday's close. September wheat, the option most affected, was a shade at \$1.08, of trade at the opening today in prices 1 1/2 to 3 1/2 under yesterday's close. September wheat, the option most affected, was a shade at \$1.08, of trade at the opening today in prices 1 1/2 to 3 1/2 under yesterday's close. September wheat, the option most affected, was a shade at \$1.08, of trade at the opening today in prices 1 1/2 to 3 1/2 under yesterday's close.

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# BRITAIN WANTS A MILLION HEAD OF AMERICAN CATTLE

Helen, Mont., Aug. 13.—C. O. Robinson, representative of a large packing company of Chicago, made public here today a copy of a telegram from Liverpool sent to the Chicago office, asking that an estimate be furnished of the cost of one million head of American beef cattle, delivered at Liverpool.

The order, if filled, said Robinson, would require a payment of about \$100,000,000 and would make vast inroads on the available cattle in the United States.